



Sandwell principal recognised for outstanding contribution to school

Leigh Moore, the inspirational principal at [Wodensborough Ormiston Academy \(WOA\)](#), located in one of the most deprived parts of [Sandwell](#), has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to her school as part of West Midlands Employers (WME) #EverydayHeroes campaign.*

Leigh started as Principal in 2016 and has had a big impact since then, turning around the poor academic results, behaviour and reputation of the school. Leigh says: "I'm pleased to have been nominated and chosen to be part of the #EverydayHeroes campaign. It's so nice to be recognised and is a great reflection on my talented teachers and wider team at the school who work incredibly hard to support our pupils and their families."

Leigh and her team have done everything that they can to support pupils and their families during lockdown. Not only adapting the way they support pupils with their learning but also delivering food hampers to over 75 of the most vulnerable families who are really struggling financially in the lockdown. In addition, the school are providing toys, puzzles and online learning devices for those who need them most.

Rebecca Davis, Chief Executive of West Midlands Employers, said, "It's important that we celebrate our teachers and learn from the schools that are excelling and going above and beyond. Leigh is a fantastic example of someone who inspires her team to overcome challenges and work together to support pupils and their families."

Councillor Joyce Underhill, Sandwell Council's Cabinet Member for Best Start In Life, said: "This is very well-deserved for Leigh and her team and I am so pleased she has been recognised in the #EverydayHeroes campaign.

"The support that our teachers and other school staff have provided to pupils, families and the wider community during these very challenging times has been inspirational."

[You can read more about Leigh and her work at the school here.](#)

*Local authority improvement body WME, owned by [33 councils](#) across the West Midlands, launched the campaign this month to recognise #EverydayHeroes – council workers who are working around the clock to keep essential services running and keep us safe through the coronavirus crisis.

Anyone can nominate one or more local council heroes [here](#). West Midlands Employers will review nominations in partnership with the relevant council and we will share their stories via <https://wmheroes.co.uk/meet-your-heroes/>.

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West Midland Employers (WME) is one of 9 independent regional employer organisations nationally.

WME is a not for profit membership organisation owned by the 33 West Midlands local authorities. We are led by an Elected Member Management Board representing the membership body with a Chief Executive leading the organisation. Chief Executive Rebecca Davis is available through media interviews through the contact details above.

WME's vision is **“to advocate, build and champion people centred organisations for a resilient and diverse public sector workforce that benefits everyone in the West Midlands”**. WME launched their new Strategic Plan 2020 -25 earlier this year <https://bit.ly/3aYsvHF> <http://www.wmemployers.org.uk/ourwork>

WME is playing a pivotal role in the Local Government response to the Covid-19 crisis and is providing daily support through their Covid-19 site (<https://wme covid19.org.uk/>), including provision of advice, innovative webinars, recruitment and resourcing and weekly bulletins [Pulse Extra bulletin](#)

WME also work in partnership with public and private sector organisations to design and deliver services on behalf of the 33 Councils in the Region, which span the employee lifecycle including: candidate attraction, recruitment, talent management, training and development, executive coaching and mentoring, leadership development, organisational design and restructuring, job evaluation, investigations, mediation and exit plans.